

This proposal acknowledges Morse Code continues to be used in the Amateur Service. The Element 1 exam is not a "gatekeeper" as evidenced by the large number of individuals who earned a Technician license, and later upgraded to General.

While eliminating Morse Code as a requirement for an amateur radio license, the World Radiocommunication Conference is allowing countries to continue requiring Morse Code as a requirement if it wishes to.

I recommend the current requirement for Element 1 testing be retained.